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Applicant:	Tetsuyuki Kurata	
Due Date:	January 19, 2006	

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Attached please find the following for filing in the above-identified application.

- (1) Amendment in response to Office Action dated October 19, 2005; and
- (2) Amendment Transmittal

Respectfully submitted,

  
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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL**

In re the application of:

Tetsuyuki Kurata et al.

Confirmation No.: 9612

Application No.: 10/016,913

Examiner: Sang H. Nguyen

Filed: December 14, 2001

Group Art Unit: 2877

For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR DETECTING GAP OF LIQUID-CRYSTAL PANEL  
AND APPARATUS THEREFOR

Mail Stop Amendment  
 Commissioner for Patents  
 P.O. Box 1450  
 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Enclosed are:

- Amendment (21 pages).
- Petition for Extension of Period for Response.
- \_\_\_\_\_.

The filing fee has been calculated as shown below:

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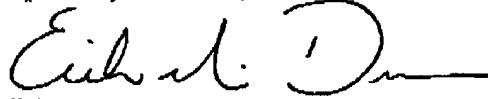
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Application No. 10/016,913

Applicant(s) is/are entitled to small entity status in accordance with 37 CFR 1.27.

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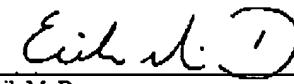
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PATENT APPLICATION

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Sir:

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action of October 19, 2005, amendment to the above-identified patent application is requested.

The present amendment comprises the following sections:

A. Amendments to the Claims

B. Remarks

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